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"And they shall be of the Lord, and of Christ." Judges 7:20

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God's Answer Is REVIVAL

BY HORACE F. DEAN, President
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Probably in two generations there has not been so much said and written about revival as we hear and see today. The praying people of our churches are beginning to recognize the need of God's power in the battle against sin and in the past history of God's dealing with His people, both in Old Testament times and in the early church period. In fact, all through the life of the church God's answer to such a condition as we have today has always been revival.

It was so in the days of Hezekiah, the godly king who followed his ungodly father, Ahaz. It was so in the times of Ezra and Nehemiah, God's noble servants who led the great revivals in the days of the Babylonian captivity. You should read this thrilling account of God's deliverance from the slavery of His people in those seventy years of imprisonment. The book of Nehemiah will thrill you, and there you will learn how God works in revival.

Like Isaiah's Day

May I call your attention to the prophecy of Isaiah, chapter 52. These utterances so characterize present-day conditions, and remember that they are God's pronouncement against His own beloved people because of their sinfulness. I begin at the first verse:

"Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear. For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue hath muttered perverseness." "Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood: their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; wasting and destruction are in their paths. The way of peace they know not; and there is no judgment in their goings: they have made them crooked paths: whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace" (vss. 7-9).

"For our transgressions are



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multiplied before thee, and our sins testify against us: for our transgressions are with us; and as for our iniquities, we know them; In transgressing and lying against the Lord, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood" (vss. 12-14).

"Yea, truth faileth; and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey: and the Lord saw it, and it displeased him that there was no judgment. And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor; therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him" (vss. 15, 16).

We are living in a weird sort of a bewildered world. At no time in human history has humanity been more like men at sea without a pilot or compass. Thousands of voices are clamoring to be heard. This babble only adds confusion to the scene. Fearful and uncontrollable discoveries of material science have dazed our generation. Add to this the suspicion among the nations, the multiplying and complex theories of godless, modern philosophy, the

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You Cannot Do Wrong and Get By!

"Be sure your sin will find you out."—Num. 32:23.

By REV. BOB JONES, Sr., D.D., LL.D.

(Message given at Sword of the Lord Conference on Evangelism, Chicago Gospel Tabernacle, November 28, 1948. Mechanically recorded for THE SWORD OF THE LORD.)

I am reading several verses from the thirty-second chapter of Numbers. The people had come to the border of the land and were ready to go in. Some of them said, 'We want to get out from under it; we do not want to go. We will let the others go.' They were saying, 'Let somebody else do it.' Now the sixth verse:

"And Moses said unto the children of Gad and the children of Reuben, shall your brethren go to war, and shall ye sit here? And wherefore discourage ye the heart of the children of Israel from going over into the land which the Lord hath given them?"

Then he went on to say, 'Your fathers did the same thing and they got it in the neck.' He did not say it in those words, but that is what you would say on the street. 'They did just what you are planning to do and they got it in the neck. If you do it you will get it in the neck.' In other words, 'They tried to get out from under, and got under.' You cannot get out from under by getting out from under. If you go to try to get out from under, you get under something else, always. You go to shirking responsibility and something happens to you.

When Moses talked to them and explained the thing to them they had enough sense to act; they decided to go with him. They said, 'We'll go along and do our part.'

Now we will skip down to the twenty-third verse:

"But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the Lord: and be sure your sin will find you out."

Now, that is what I am going to talk to you about: "If ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the Lord: and be sure your sin will find you out."

Dr. John Rice spoke here today on prayer and said that it was a sin not to pray. He went on to tell all the consequences that

come from not praying. Did you know that the things men do that they ought not to do, they do because they do not do what they ought to do? The man who does what he ought to do, will never do what he ought not to do. Everything you ever did which you should not have done, you did because you did not do what you should have done.

Let's let that statement soak in, because that is the basis on which I am starting. Let me say it again—and let it stick this time: everything you do that you ought not to do, you do because you do not do what you ought to do. If you will do what you ought to do, you will not do what you ought not to do.

Down South Sam Jones used to say, "If a man would act before he got religion as he ought to act after he got religion, he would soon get religion." You analyze that and you will see that Sam Jones was about right. Sam Jones said, "A Christian ought to pray; so you, sinner, get down and go to praying. A Christian ought to read his Bible; so you, sinner, read your Bible. A Christian ought to have family prayer, so set up a family altar. A Christian ought to do so and so—



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go and do it, you sinner. If you will do what you ought to do—go ahead and act as if you have it and you will get it pretty soon." Of course that is a little extreme, but you would find that it would work out pretty well. There is a good deal of sense in it.

Come back to the Scripture now: "If ye will not do so [if you do not do what you ought to do], you have sinned against God." We think of sin in terms of what we do, not in terms of what we do not do. Listen! Do you know what some of you are going to Hell for? You are not going to

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The New Nation Israel Not Sign of Christ's Return

By EVANGELIST JOHN R. RICE

We have a form letter from a beloved Christian editor in which he asks us and other fundamental, premillennial Bible teachers to answer certain questions. The gist of these questions is, Did the organization of national state Israel May 14, 1948, mean that Christ must return within some set time?

My answer to this kindly brother is given below. But let me say it here very clearly and explicitly that the going back of Jews to Palestine in unbelief is not the restoration of Israel foretold in the Bible. It is not the budding of the fig tree mentioned by Jesus Christ. It does not have any special prophetic significance. The next thing on God's prophetic program, as far as it is revealed in the Bible, is the rapture of the saints. When Jesus comes into the air and we are called out to meet Him there, then prophesied

events will take their course. There will be signs during the tribulation time. Those left on the earth who know the Scriptures can then foretell that Jesus will return in power and glory, accompanied by saints and angels, to begin His literal reign on earth at David's throne. In that tribulation time there will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. In that time, after the rapture of the saints, a definite measurement of time, forty-two months, three and one-half years, 1,260 days, will comprise the Great Tribulation, according to many Scriptures (Dan. 7:25; Rev. 13:5; Rev. 11: 2, 3). Then the gospel will be preached to all nations before the end comes. But all these signs and all this possibility of accurately foretelling the last prophetic events will be after

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With the Evangelists Reports From America's Outstanding Soul Winners

Evangelist Douglas Winn Blessed in Burlington, N. C., Campaign

We are happy to have word again from Evangelist Douglas Winn of 911 Myrtle Road, Martinsville, Virginia.

"My dear Dr. Rice,

"For several weeks now I have intended writing you to express my sincere gratitude for your messages, 'We Take Our Stand' and the one on 'Hell' preached at the Bob Jones conference. Truly every Christian in America should read such soul-stirring sermons. May 1949 be the year THE SWORD OF THE LORD subscriptions will reach the 100,000 mark.

"There were fifty-one conversions and additions to the church

in a blessed campaign just closed at the Calvary Baptist Church in Burlington, N. C. Most all the conversions were adults. These were some of the most wonderful Spirit-filled services I've ever witnessed. Twice the meeting was scheduled to close but the Holy Spirit very definitely led us to continue. One unsaved mother was saved. There was such strong conviction that as the pastor, Brother Luther Nall, and I visited in homes people would weep bitterly as soon as they opened the door, before we could present the gospel claims.

"From this meeting here in Charleston, S. C., I go to the First Baptist Church in El Paso, Texas,

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Hell for what you do. You are going to Hell because of what you do not do. You do what you ought not to do because you are going to Hell. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." That is salvation. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul..." That is positive duty. A man who loves God with all his soul is going to do right.

"Be sure your sin will find you out." That is no philosophical aphorism. That is no idle threatening. Those are words given by divine inspiration, clothed in the garments of eternal truth and backed by the arm of inexorable justice. "Be sure your sin will find you out!"

We Need Preaching Against Sin

Do you know what we need in this country? We need a campaign of preaching against sin. Do you know what is the matter with us? God will not let anybody in the world get away with sin. God will not let even His children get away with it. There is one game that no mortal man ever did beat, and that is the game of sin.

God is just. We need to get a new conception of the justice of God. When I was just a boy I heard an old-time preacher say something that shaped my theology: "Infinite perfection puts about God infinite impossibilities. There are some things God Almighty cannot do."

God cannot keep men out of Hell if they are sinners. He cannot! He cannot because He is God. Do you know what God would do? God Almighty tonight would open every gate of pearl in Heaven and take every angel in the city to one of those gates of pearl and kick every angel into Hell before He would do wrong.

Do you know what God would do? Listen! God Almighty tonight would blot out every world He has ever made, put out every sun He has ever lighted and damn every soul into Hell forever before He would do wrong. There is one thing God will not do: God will not smear His own character! God is not only a Father to those

who trust Jesus; God is also the judicial head of this universe. And as the ruler of this universe it is up to Almighty God to see that sin is punished.

You talk about there being no Hell. If I did not believe in Hell I would throw my Bible in the fire. I would erect a monument to the memory of Voltaire and Tom Payne, Bob Ingersoll and the other infidels who have cursed this world. Listen to me! The character of God Almighty demands that there be a Hell. There is too much of treating sin lightly in this country. A lot of Christians walk around and say, "Calvary covers it all." Yes, that is right, judicially. But I have lived long enough to see the children of God get it in the neck. I have seen them suffer the consequences. Listen, I do not care how good you are. I do not care if you have been born again; I do not care if you are on your way to Heaven; I do not care who you are; I do not care what you think of yourself—you cannot do wrong and get away with it! It just cannot be done!

And, sinner, listen to me! You cannot with defiance spit in the face of a holy God and get away with it. You cannot beat this game! I am talking to somebody tonight who is trying. It cannot be done, brother! Abraham could not do it. Moses could not do it. Nebuchadnezzar could not do it. Napoleon Bonaparte could not do it. Hitler could not do it. Mussolini could not do it. Alexander the Great could not do it. There has never been a man on this earth who was big enough, or shrewd enough, or mighty enough, or enough of a genius to do wrong and get away with it. Folks around you may seem to be beating the game, but they are not.

You young people who are living in this day of moral looseness and who are seeing other young people living in sin and pleasure may feel sometimes that you are a wallflower—but, there is a God on the throne of this universe. His eyes go to and fro through all the earth, beholding the good as well as the bad. Thank God, He sees the good, too! God Almighty looks over the battlement of Heaven at this congregation tonight. He says, "Yonder sits a good girl. She did not fall for temptation. Yonder sits a good man." Now wait a minute! Just being good will not take you to Heaven. Our righteousness are as filthy rags in His eyes. That is all true. But blot out God; blot out Heaven; blot out Hell; blot out eternity—and it will still pay to be decent on this earth.

Sin Finds You Out in Your Body

Let's get that straight tonight. God Almighty is up in Heaven tonight sitting on the throne of this universe, and He is running this world. Oh, I know that we Christian people sometimes have to suffer. But "we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

Listen, every star that shines, shines for God's children. Every flower that blooms, blooms for the children of God. Every war that comes is a providential blessing to God's people. All the prisons, all the martyrdom—everything! God Almighty has organized this universe on this side, the side of righteousness. God Almighty has organized the universe against wrongdoing. Oh, morality will not save you. I know that. You have to be born again—I know that. But it is better to be moral than it is to be immoral. It is better to be sober than it is to be a drunkard. It is better to be clean than it is to be unclean. It is better to be a pure girl with the flowers of modesty in your cheek and the luster of purity in your eyes than it is to be a soiled dove of the underworld. I am talking about this world, not eternity. I am talking about the now time. You cannot beat this game. You cannot beat the moral law. God will not let

Dr. Bob Jones Says:

I may sound strange, but really the devil has done a great deal for Bob Jones University. You know the Bible teaches that God makes the wrath of men to praise Him. It also makes it clear that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them that are called according to His purpose. The devil persecuted the early church, but he did not hurt the early church. His persecution scattered the Christians over the land, and everywhere they went they preached the Word, and so Christianity spread. Here is the way the devil helps Bob Jones University: He says to young people, "I would not go to that school. Why, they tell you when to get up in the morning. You can't go across the campus with your arm around a girl. You can't neck and you can't have a lot of liberties with the opposite sex. They are strict down there in Bob Jones University. I would not go there if I were you." The devil is telling a great deal of truth when he talks like that. Our young folks are taught to be decent. They are instructed in the fundamental principles of decency. They are told they are not to let "their good be evil spoken of." They are taught they have not right to use their Christian liberties in a wrong way. The devil does not mean to help Bob Jones University. He means to hurt the institution. But he, by persecution, drives to our school young people with character. It takes character to come to Bob Jones

University, and it takes character to stay here.

We do not want young people in Bob Jones University whose only idea of life is to have a good time. We are engaged in training Christian leaders, ministers, school teachers, business men, business women, Christian home builders, etc. It takes Christian faith and Christian character to stand the test of these days. My friends, please tell those "do as you please" young people, even though they may call themselves fundamental who are living for a good time not to come to Bob Jones University. And if you happen to meet the devil anywhere (and you probably will), tell the devil that he does not know it but he sure is helping us. Tell him that our God is able to make the wrath of men to praise Him.

Are you really interested in an educational institution that believes in the "old-time religion" and believes in the old-time decencies, an institution that believes that folks ought to live right? Well, if you are, suppose you make a contribution to the Student Loan Endowment Fund which we are raising. We need this fund so we can help young people who have not the money to get the kind of training that Bob Jones University offers. Any help you can give us will be greatly appreciated. Thank you and God bless you.

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you do it. God fixed your body so you cannot do wrong and get away with it. God gave you a certain kind of body. You cannot hate somebody and have good digestion. You cannot think impure thoughts without poisoning your blood stream. My body is affected by what I eat. I am talking to people whose bodies are suffering tonight because of sin.

One Sunday afternoon I was speaking in Montgomery, Alabama, to a large mass meeting of men. I stepped out of a door and ran into a fellow. I said, "Hello."

He said, "Brother Bob, I don't know where I am. I am sick. I have a high fever. I feel wretched. I do not know where I am!"

I saw a taxi. I called it, put the man in it, rushed him out to my house and put him to bed. I called my doctor. The doctor took his temperature and said it was 105 degrees. I sat up all night and sponged him to keep his temperature down. The next morning the doctor came out and examined him again. He said, "Say, by the way, did you ever drink liquor?"

He said, "Yes, sir; I used to drink liquor. I was a traveling man and led a pretty fast life. I did a good deal of heavy drinking—not as much as some men do but I drank a good deal."

The doctor said, "I thought so."

"But," he said, "I've been converted. I was converted under Brother Bob's ministry and I am a preacher now, pastor of a Baptist church."

The doctor said, "I know. You have a new heart but you have that old liver that whisky gave you."

Young people, I am talking especially to you tonight. Some people say, "God was so good to me; He took me out of the ditch." I have seen bummy old bums saved.

I told somebody the other day about "New Bill" at the Evansville Rescue Mission in Evansville, Indiana. He had just one eye. He lost his other eye in a drunken brawl. He got in a fight, killed a man in what they called self-defense. But he went to jail and then to the penitentiary. Brother Reveal led him to the Lord. He had such a wonderful testimony and was such a wonderful, sweet Christian. I had

him come to our school to speak to our students. He was one of those converted "bums" who did not boast about his past. I do not like to hear some of them boast so much about what big sinners they were.

Later I made a trip to Evansville. I said to Dr. Reveal, "Where is Bill?"

Dr. Reveal said, "He is in the hospital dying."

I went out to the hospital to see him. He had a smile on his face. The death shadow was all about him, but he was smiling. I noticed the smile, and noticed that there was a strange light in his one eye. He could not even have the death stare in but one eye. He got converted all right. God biotted out his sins. He is up in Heaven tonight. But all of his life he was a one-eyed Christian. Sin always leaves you worse than it finds you. Sin never has been a blessing. It is always a curse! Don't fool yourself!

I am glad God saves drunkards, but I am so glad God Almighty found me when I was eleven years old. The gang I ran with and who did not come to Christ are practically all dead. Somebody says, "Bob Jones, how do you at the age of sixty keep driving?" I will tell you: I got saved before I was a drunkard in the ditch. I got saved as a child. I got saved before I fell into dissipation and wrecked my body. Oh, how I thank God when young people come to Jesus Christ! What a thrill I have when I look into the faces of our students assembled—three thousand of them—and think, "God saved them before sin blighted their lives!"

You cannot do wrong and get away with it! You are not fooling God. And you are not fooling yourself if you stop to think. You cannot do wrong and get away with it! Sin paints its picture on the face of a man.

I saw a woman since I have been in this town. She did not have a placard in her hand to tell me what she was. I looked at her bloated eyes and her dissipa-

ed face as she staggered down the street and I knew what she was.

Take an old bum—I met one the other night. He sort of hung on to me and said, "I'm u-u-up against it. Will ya gi-i-imme s-s-something to eat?" He did not have to talk to me. I could look at him and tell what he was. This body which God made as the temple of the Holy Ghost, this place that God made for His dwelling place on earth, cursed and blighted and damned by sin! You are just a fool to sin. If there were no God you would still be a fool.

Don't talk patronizingly to us Christian people. Don't sympathize with us. You men and women without God, don't go around in this country turning up your noses at folks who have enough sense to trust Jesus Christ. You are trying to beat a game you cannot beat. You want to ask you. Did you ever know not big enough. You are not enough of a genius to do it. You cannot do it because God Almighty has organized omnipotence against you. You cannot do wrong and get away with it!

Your Sin Will Find You Out in a Cursed, Depraved Mind

Sin does not only curse your body; sin also curses your brain. When you think, your thought walks across your brain and leaves footprints there like you leave footprints in the sand by the seashore. When you think, your thought plows a furrow in your brain like you plow furrows in the field.

I knew an old man down South who had never done anything in the world but plant cotton and sell cotton. All he ever thought of was cotton and the price of cotton. He lived to be seventy years old. While he was dying he looked all around the room out of his staring eyes and said, "Jim, did you weigh the cotton? What is cotton worth? How is the market?" Cotton, cotton, COTTON, C-O-T-T-O-N! Every furrow of his brain was a cotton furrow!

I have seen some old saints die who said, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord!" All the thoughts they had in their dying moments ran in that furrow of praise that had been plowed in their brains.

Years ago on a street in a southern town I ran into a doctor. He said, "Hello, Brother Bob."

I said, "Hello, Doctor."

He said, "By the way, I am glad to see you; there is something I want to ask you. Did you ever know Dr. So-and-So who used to live in the same section of Alabama where you grew up?"

I said, "Yes, I knew him very well."

"What kind of a man was he?" "Well," I said, "I don't like to say, Doctor."

"I'd like to know," he said.

I said, "I don't like to say. He had a good mother and father—came from a fine family."

He said, "Well, what kind of a man was he morally?"

"Doctor, I don't want to talk about it. I like all of his people."

"Well," he said, "that man is in my hospital sick. I am a physician and off the record, profes-

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sionally, tell me. I want to know his background."

"I said, 'Well, that is different, Doctor; I will tell you professionally. He is the most immoral reprobate I ever knew. He is a low-down, dirty scoundrel. I knew a girl, the daughter of a widow, a beautiful girl, whom he led astray. He lifted from her brow the diadem of her purity and sacrificed it on the altar of his lust. He hitched her to a chariot of depravity and ran that chariot over her and wrecked her. He left her out there in the country holding a little baby in her arms without a legal father. She turned her tear-stained face into his and begged him to protect her, and he walked off and left her. Her name was Mae."

"There was another girl in that country named Ann. She was a bright girl in a way. In another way she was rather dumb. He led her astray. He stepped on her heart, destroyed her, wrecked her. Oh, it was a terrible tragedy."

"Then there was a third one. Her name was Kate. He led her astray and was the father of a child she had, though they were never married. The little child grew up with no legal father. It was terrible."

"I could tell you more stories, Doctor; but that is enough."

He said, "That man is dying in my hospital with a blood clot on his brain. If you never believed in total depravity come with me and I will show you total depravity. You will believe it! You will believe in it after tonight."

I went to the hospital and I shall never forget as long as I live what I saw and heard. He was a long, gaunt man. There was not a nurse in the hospital who would go in his room to nurse him. He was such a low-down degenerate that the nurses refused to nurse him and colored men, one on either side of the bed, had been brought in to take care of him. In his delirium they would hold him in the bed. I stood there and looked at him: a long, lank fellow with a sharp face. Yet he had a wonderful forehead and in many ways wonderful features. He would turn his staring eyes around the room and say, "Oh, hello, Mae! Mae!"

I said, "That is the name of that girl, Doctor."

"Oh, Mae!"

The doctor said, "Lie down, Doctor." (He himself was a physician.) And he pushed him back in bed. I watched him struggle a moment. I felt the presence of the demons around.

Then he said, "Oh, Kate, Kate!"

I said, "That is another one of those girls, Doctor. That is her name." They pushed him back in bed.

Finally he raised up in bed and called the name of the third one and called the names of others I did not know. I watched him in his dying hour as the long, gaunt hand of memory reached into the past and dragged skeletons out and dangled them in the faces of the folks who watched him die.

You are just an old fool to be a sinner! Listen! Don't talk to me about intelligence! I do not care how smart men are; they are fools to be sinners! They are fools to think they can beat the game with God Almighty and His omnipotence against them. You cannot do wrong and get away with it. It just does not work! You cannot do wrong and get away with it because sin curses your body and your mind.

Sin Will Find You Out in Your Children

Scientists are trying to stop this

thing of the iniquities of the fathers being visited to the third and fourth generations, but they cannot do it. It goes on down. Somebody has said that the best time to begin to train children is a hundred years before they are born. How good God was to me to give me a good mother! How good God was to give me a good old rugged, honest country daddy! It is wonderful down here in this world to have good folks back of you, folks who do not curse you before you are born.

We had, just after World War I, what we called the flapper age. This generation is the generation of the flapper age. Much of the moral looseness of this age grew out of that generation that followed World War I. We pulled down our standards and spit in the face of God and decency. Oh, when I see them today how my heart moves in pity and compassion! I look into the faces of our students and think, "O God, be merciful to our young people!" My heart goes out to them in this day. The temptations are overwhelming. A lot of them are falling for temptations, too. Even many of them in our fundamental circles are falling. Many of them are slipping into sin. Many of them are wringing their hands and crying out, "O God, why did

I do that?" Up and down this country I have had them talk to me and say, "Oh, Dr. Bob, I am guilty. I ought to have to suffer." A man told me not long ago, "God has been good to me or it would be worse than it is now." His children are going astray. Sometimes you hear of a preacher's children going to the Devil. It is not always because they were not trained right. Sometimes it is because they are the sons and daughters of men and women with a bad past.

I knew a great preacher who was a miserable and wretched drunkard until two or three of his children were born, and then he got saved. Some of his children went to the Devil. Of course I think the way he reared them had much to do with it. But they were cursed before they were born.

I never shall forget that poem by Ella Wheeler Wilcox, "The Price He Paid." I think the first time I read it was after World War I. It goes like this:

I said I would have my fling,
And do what a young man may:

And I didn't believe a thing
That the parsons had to say.

I didn't believe in a God
That gives us blood like

Then flings us into hell
because

We answer to the call of
desire.

And I said: "Religion is rot,
And the laws of the world
are nil;

For the bad man is he who is
caught
And cannot foot his bill.

And there is no place called
Hell;

And Heaven is only a truth,
When a man has his way with
a maid,

In the fresh keen hour of
youth.

"And money can buy us
grace,
If it rings on the plate of
the church;

And money can neatly erase,
Each sign of a sinful
smirch."

For I saw men everywhere,
Hotfooting the road of
vice;

And women and preachers
smiled on them
As long as they paid the
price.

So I had my joy of life:
I went the pace of the
town;

And then I took me a wife,
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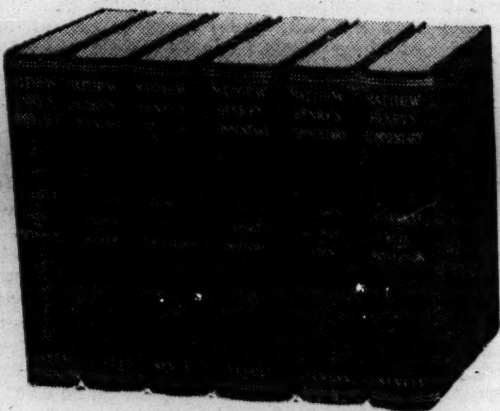
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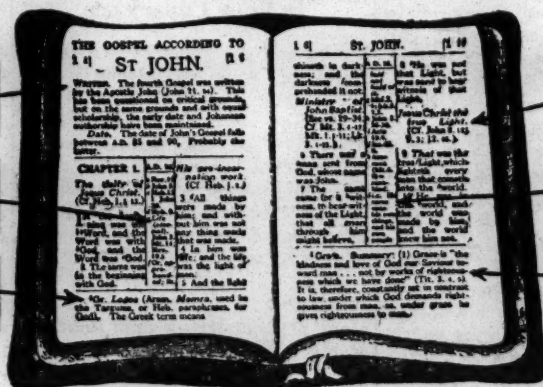
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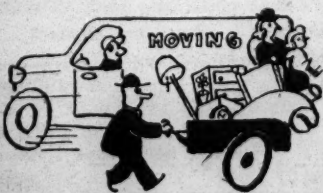
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You Cannot Do Wrong and Get By!

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And started to settle down.
I had gold enough and to spare
For all of the simple joys
That belong with a house and
a home
And a brood of girls and boys.
I married a girl with health
And virtue and spotless
fame.
I gave in exchange my wealth
And a proud old family
name.
And I gave her the love of a
heart
Grown sated and sick of sin!
My deal with the devil was all
cleaned up,
And the last bill handed in.
She was going to bring me a
child,
And when in labor she cried,
With love and fear I was
wild—
But now I wish she had
died.
For the son she bore me was
blind
And crippled and weak and
sore!
And his mother was left a
wreck.
It was so she settled my
score.
I said I must have my fling,
And they knew the path I
would go;
Yet no one told me a thing
Of what I needed to know.
Folks talk too much of a soul
From heavenly joys de-
barred—
And not enough of the babes
unborn,
By the sins of their fathers
scarred.

Men and women, I am the founder of an educational institution. We believe in old-time religion. We are orthodox. But I have more criticism; Bob, Jr., has more criticism and our school is criticized more because of its discipline than it is because of its theology. Do you know that in this day and time, even in our fundamental circles, there is a tendency to feel, "Let me lead my own life. Don't bother me; I am going to do as I please." And I say again that many of our young people who feel that way call themselves Christians. They say, "I would not go to Bob Jones University; they are too strict down there. You cannot walk across the campus and neck. You can't smoke cigarettes and stay out at night." Listen! There never has been a generation in all the history of the ages that tried to throw off restraint more than the present generation. Do not ask me to be an optimist about the future. We cannot beat the game!

Sin Leads to Recklessness, Public Exposure and Shame

Sin not only curses you and your children but it also produces recklessness. You do not stay careful. You start out to be careful. You say, "I'm going to be particular. I am going so far and no further." You will go further than you think! You will get daring and venturesome and reckless after a while.

I was thinking today of something that happened just a few miles from this town, over here in Aurora, Illinois. I had a big tabernacle campaign over there a little more than thirty years ago. Great crowds came and we had a great revival. Some of the most wonderful conversions I ever saw took place.

One night we had high school night. About a thousand of the high school students were there. A young fellow came out to lead their song. He said, "Now come on, boys and girls. Snap it up—everybody!" He was magnetic and attractive.

One of the preachers leaned over to me and said, "Bob, do you see that fellow there?"

I said, "Yes."

He said, "Well, do you see that old man on the front seat, and that old hag by his side? That man is

the father of that boy."

I said, "That could not be."

He said, "Yes, that is the way it is. I'll tell you about it after church."

After church he told me about it. He said, "That man a few years ago was one of the most princely business men in this country. That old hag by his side was a queenly society woman. They lived in homes near-by in a certain town."

"One day things began to be whispered around town about them. [You know you first whisper scandal and then you talk it out loud.] They began to whisper and then began to talk it out loud."

"That woman's husband took her to the front steps and pitched her out of the house. At that time she was a lovely, queenly girl, had been married just a few years. He said, 'Get out of this house!'"

"The man's wife went to court and sued him for a divorce. These two took up together. They divided their estates. They began to live in sin and dissipate worse and worse. They now sleep in old barns or anywhere else they can sleep. They have been locked up so many times in the towns in this part of the country that the sheriffs and police force do not want to lock them up any more. They do not know what to do with them. They are dissipated and debauched and damned."

"Some time ago they were out here on a railroad track drunk. They turned the steel rail into a pillow and were sleeping there in a drunken stupor. A train was coming around the curve and he sobered up enough to get off the track. He tried to pull her off but could not pull her off. The train cut her arm off."

That night after the service I saw them go out of the building—bumpy old bums that they were. I said, "People think they are smart when they play with sin. But look at them!" Recklessness! Recklessness! You will get reckless after a while. That is the consequence of wrongdoing. You are playing a losing game. You cannot do wrong and get away with it!

Your Sin Will Find You Out in Your Conscience

Another reason you cannot do wrong and get away with it is because of your conscience. You know this conscience business is a strange thing. You can drive conscience off the throne, but it will not stay off the throne. One day conscience comes back all wounded and bloody and staggers upon the throne and takes possession again. Conscience!

Some time ago I was in a city conducting a campaign and one night after church a man knocked at my door and said, "Bob Jones, I want to talk to you. There is one thing in my life I would give my right arm to forget."

There is somebody in this house tonight who would like to forget. You have tried to forget. Conscience!

When I was holding a meeting in Calvary Baptist Church in New York City a woman asked to speak to me. She came to the hotel and I came down to the parlor to see her. She had one of the saddest faces I have ever seen. She said, "Dr. Bob, I want to tell you my story. I was a very bad girl. I had a wonderful mother. She was very frail and sickly. It seemed that a breath of wind would blow her away. She used to pray for me and beg me to live right. She took me to Sunday School and church as long as she was able to go. Then she got to where she could not get out. She just sat there and withered like a flower. She would sit in the rocking chair and rock and talk sweetly and softly."

"One day I said, 'Mother, I want to go out with the crowd tonight.' She said, 'Darling, Mother doesn't want you to go with that crowd. That is a bad crowd.'"

"But, Mother . . ."

"Now, darling, please . . ."

"But I just don't see why you have to talk to me like that. I

don't see why I can't do what other folks do."

"But, darling, that is a bad crowd and Mother wants her daughter to live right. You are growing up to be a young woman."

"Well, now, Mother, I am sick of it. I know you don't feel well but I am tired of my life being restricted. I am sick of it. I just don't want to do it. I don't see why I can't do what the rest of them do . . . and I just kept raving. Then she got very quiet. I looked at her and she was dead. She died while I was fussing at her. I know God has forgiven me. I am saved. I am on my way to Heaven—I know that. But here in my old age I can see her dying. When it is dark I can see her face." Memories! Memories!

Oh, isn't it wonderful to be able to look back on the past and not be haunted by bitter memories! I have had people say to me, "O God, if I could just go back and fix it!" Memory! Conscience!

You cannot do wrong and get away with it. God has fixed it so you just cannot do it!

Years ago there lived in the state of Mississippi a duelist named McClung. McClung killed six men. One man he killed was named Menafee. That murder seemed to distress him more than any other of which he was ever guilty. One day he walked up to a minister in the town and said, "Do you believe there is a God?"

The minister said, "Why of course I do."

McClung said, "I wish I could believe there is a God. I would like to believe there is a God."

That night he went to sleep and left a lamp burning in the chair by his bed. Another man was sleeping with him. In the night when McClung was sound asleep the other man could not sleep with the lamp burning and decided he would raise up and put it out. He got up and leaned over and blew the lamp out. McClung raised up in bed and said, "It is dark, and Menafee comes when it is dark. I never sleep in the dark." McClung lighted the lamp again and fell asleep. But the other man still could not sleep in the light. He decided he would try putting the light out again and see what McClung would do. He raised up and put out the light again. McClung got up and said, "I can't stand the dark. Menafee is here!" He got up out of bed, snatched a revolver out from under his pillow, pressed it to his temple and blew out his brains! Conscience! You cannot do wrong and get away with it!

Your Sin Will Find You Out at the Judgment!

You cannot do wrong and get away with it because there is a coming judgment. You must meet God. I cannot preach that sermon tonight. I will just mention it. But some day you are going to look into the face of God, into the eyes of God. I am talking to a man tonight who could never look into your wife's eyes again if your wife knew all about you. But you are going to look into God's eyes one day, and God Almighty knows all about you. You cannot pop a sham off on God.

When I was a young man I was taught to believe in all women. As a country boy I thought every woman was as pure as driven snow on mountaintops, snow untouched by rain drops and unsoiled by dust. I never shall forget the shock that came to me when I found that was not true. There may be a woman here tonight who could never look into your husband's eyes again if he knew all about you. But you will one day turn your guilty eyes into the eyes of a holy God.

There may be some girl here tonight who is supposed to be respectable and decent but who could not look into your mother's eyes if your mother knew you as God knows you. But one day you will look into God's eyes—and sin never looked as bad to the purest mother as it looks to God. You would not want to write out your sins, put the record on a blackboard and hold it up here before this crowd! But God has the records. In the council halls of eternity He is keeping them. You are going to meet them one day.

Men and women, I think I have proven my case. You are trying

God's Answer Is Revival

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distress in our domestic political economy, the strife between labor and capital, the weariness produced by the long and devastating second world war, and the very doubtful probabilities of a sustained peace, and you have in a measure a picture of our reeling world which today totters in the dark.

Isaiah perfectly describes the situation in this modern day and age when he says, "We grope for the wall like the blind, and we grope as if we had no eyes; we stumble at noonday as in the night." The ancient people of God were in a bad state spiritually. They were mixed up with the idolatry of their time and their hearts were so far from God that the Lord virtually had to set them aside. Instead of being a testimony to truth and righteousness before the unregenerate world of that day, they brought reproach to the name of the Lord. God, through the Prophet Isaiah, blames the awful condition described in these passages upon the people of God who had departed from His ways. Says God, "Your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear."

Revival Is a Desperate Need

My friends, it is just exactly that way today, and the condition in the world about us very largely can be laid at the door of the Lord's people. We desperately need a mighty spiritual awakening within the church of Jesus Christ, but we cannot have a revival until sin is gotten out of the way; and what we need most right now is for every child of God to take time out for a real heart-searching in the light of the Bible. We will never have a revival until God's believing people are willing to do this and to shut themselves away from the world in quietness before God, with His blessed Word in their hands, to deliberately have a season of personal confession of sin and repentance with a determination by the grace of God to quit their sinning. As long as we keep ourselves so busy doing so many non-essential things, even so-called Christian work and oftentimes running around like squirrels in a cage, we shall never have a revival.

Now, Isaiah goes on to describe the dreadful state of affairs which resulted from continued sin. There was no equity; there was no judgment "and truth had fallen in the street." In other words, corruption in public and private life was manifest everywhere. Is that not true today in America?

to play a game you cannot win. You cannot do wrong and get away with it! And you cannot reject Jesus Christ and not do things you ought not to do. People say to me, "He is a perfectly moral man." Listen, if you are not a Christian you are liable to commit any sin anybody else ever committed. Any sin any sinner ever committed, every sinner, under proper provocation, could commit. There is only one way for you and that is to get right with God.

Jesus, the Only Refuge for Sinners!

About two thousand years ago there was a person who walked this earth. He was so much like man that He was a man; He was so much like God that He was God. His name was Jesus. He said He knew what to do with sin. He said He could put it behind His back. That means that He can put it where He cannot see it. He said He would remove it as far as the east is from the west. Thank You, Jesus! I do not know how far that is, but if there is any distance beyond that, please take mine there. He said He would put them in the bottom of the sea. Thank You, Jesus! Find the deepest place for mine!

One night in the middle of the Atlantic ocean I was talking to the captain on the deck of our ship. I said, "How far are we from land, Captain?"

He asked, "Which way?"

"East," I said.

He said, "Well, it is so far—and

And why? For exactly the same reason as set forth by the prophet, and I quote, "We have departed away from our God!" My believing friends, it is time we became realistic about these things. It is time God's people became really serious over present conditions. The whole future of our nation is in jeopardy, to say nothing of the future of the church of Christ.

Isaiah in this chapter finally sums up the cause for apostasy in his day in verse 16, where we read, "The Lord saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor." Prayerlessness lies at the very root of apostasy. It thrives in that kind of soil. In America the time was when devoted Christian people maintained a family altar, with children reared in an atmosphere of spiritual light and growth. The Word of God was read and revered and family prayers were said, and the nation was blessed because of these things. Crime waves were unknown, but today the family altar has gone with the wind, like so many of our other cherished institutions. Then, you take our fundamental churches today. Do you know that not more than nine per cent of the members of our fundamental churches attend the midweek prayer service? This is tragic! Nothing but destruction is ahead for a nation of prayerless, godless, people. The "hand-writing is on the wall" and the finger of God is ready to write again. "Thou art weighed in the balance and art found wanting." It is time to awake and to face the situation confronting us and if we love our homes, our children, our church, our Bible, and our nation, we must have a wholesale turning back to God or the judgments of God will surely fall.

Look at the confusion today which is nothing but a direct result of leaving God out of our lives; confusion in every field of human thought and action. If there is a man in the field of statesmanship who knows the answers, he has not been able to make himself heard. World War II—taking up where World War I left off, it is true—has contributed much to this ugly state of affairs. War has always been the enemy of all that makes for human progress. Hate is fostered, lawlessness is bred, and humanity becomes calloused and merciless. War, too, has broken down standards in thought, speech, dress, and morals. We only need to look about us to see how badly our nation has slipped.

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so far west. But we are nearer land than that. We are just five thousand feet from the bottom of the ocean." I stood there on deck that night and said, "Thank God, that is where my sin is!"

Young people—and old people—listen to me! I hang a rainbow of hope over all the clouds of all of our sins tonight. The past is gone. I cannot help what I have already done. I do not suppose there is anybody in this house but must say as he looks back, "All have sinned—and that means me. I would like to go back and fix some things. There are some things I have done that I would like to fix—and some things I did not do. Oh, if I could just go back and fix them!" You can't go back! But here is the hope: there is no stain on the future. God is such a good God—He

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Christ comes to receive His saints and not before. No one can tell the day nor hour nor year nor generation when Jesus will come. There are no Scriptures, there are no historical occurrences, there are no evidences or signs by which anybody will be able to foretell when Jesus will return.

Now for my answer to our esteemed brother's questions.

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Dear Brother —:

Thank you for your questionaire and for allowing me to give an answer to your questions based on Matthew 24:32-37:

"Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors. Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away. But of that day and hour knoweth no man, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."

Your first question is, "Is the 'fig tree' a symbol of Israel, and the 'putting forth her leaves' a picture of the restoration of the national life of Israel? If not, give your views as to what these symbols mean."

ANSWER: I do not believe that the fig tree here is a symbol of Israel nor that the "putting forth her leaves" is a picture of the restoration of the national life of Israel. Jesus Himself explains the parable in the next verse, saying, "So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors." "All these things" are described in verses 27 to 31 of the same chapter as the things that shall happen "immediately after the tribulation of those days." These things will include "the sign of the Son of man in heaven" (vs. 30) after the great tribulation. The discussion is not about what will happen now but about what will happen during the Great Tribulation time and immediately following. The occurrences of the Great Tribulation time are like a fig tree putting forth leaves, which shows that summer is nigh.

The Scriptures are in the same order in the companion passages, in Mark 13:24-29 and in Luke 21:25-31. The parable is particularly clear in Luke, showing that it speaks not of the time before the rapture but of the time during the Great Tribulation before the visible return of Christ to reign on earth. Luke 21:25 speaks of the "signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars." Those are signs, great disturbances in the skies which we do not have now but which are prophesied in the book of Revelation to take place during the Great Tribulation. In Luke 21:27, in the same passage, we read, "And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory." That is the literal, visible return of Christ to take up His throne at Jerusalem, returning with saints and angels from Heaven after the Great Tribulation. Then after the familiar passage of the fig tree's young leaves showing that summer is nigh, verse 31 says, "So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand." That is, when these signs appear at the close of the Great Tribulation all may know that Christ's personal, visible kingdom on earth is about to begin, the redemption of the whole Jewish race left alive, is at hand.

No doctrine ought ever to be established on some faint inference or implication. The Bible does not say anywhere that the parable of the fig tree putting forth leaves pictured the restora-

tion of the national life of Israel.

Your second question says: "Since Israel was proclaimed a nation May 14, 1948, are we to believe then that we now are living in the last generation before the visible return of our Lord? If not, please give your views of v. 34."

ANSWER: In my humble judgment, the fact that Israel was constituted a new nation May 14, 1948, is not even mentioned in Bible prophecy and it has no immediate prophetic importance. It is true that there must be a remnant of Jews in Palestine to represent the nation and make a treaty with the Man of Sin, the Antichrist, for Daniel 9:27 says of "the prince that shall come" that "he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate." I believe from this passage that there will be Jews in Jerusalem and a temple and sacrifice, and that these Jews will make a covenant or treaty with the Man of Sin and that he will break this covenant and start the Great Tribulation after the rapture of the saints. But the Bible gives never a hint about how long a time shall elapse after the Jews become an independent nation until the Man of Sin shall appear and rise to world-wide power. Since the Bible never says that the establishment of a Jewish state in Palestine has prophetic significance for this age, I dare not make the organization of that government a sign of Christ's coming.

Your third question is: "In verse 33 the Lord addressed His words to the generation that shall 'see' all these things." In view of this context, does not 'generation' in verse 34 refer to 'the people of any one period—approximately from 30 to 35 years'?"

ANSWER: I do not believe that the word generation in Matthew 24:34 refers to "the people of any one period—approximately from 30 to 35 years." And I certainly do not believe that it refers to the people living in this present generation. I agree with the Scofield Bible note:

"1 Gr. genea, the primary definition of which is, 'race, kind, family, stock, breed.' (So all lexicons.) That the word is used in this sense here is sure because none of 'these things,' i.e. the world-wide preaching of the kingdom, the great tribulation, the return of the Lord in visible glory, and the regathering of the elect, occurred at the destruction of Jerusalem by Titus, A.D. 70. The promise is, therefore, that the generation—nation, or family of Israel—will be preserved unto these things; a promise wonderfully fulfilled to this day."

If "this generation" meant the people of any particular age, limited to a certain period of thirty or thirty-five years, it would certainly have meant the generation of the apostles to whom Jesus was then speaking. Jesus plainly said "this generation." He could not have meant a generation nineteen and one-half centuries later when He said "this generation." To so interpret it is to wrest the plain statement of the Scripture and that is never safe nor right. "This generation," that is, this breed or race, the Jews, then present when Christ spoke, will not pass away in the Great Tribulation time, although the Antichrist will try so hard to blot out every living Jew.

Summing up briefly my well-considered opinion on this matter:

1. Matthew 24:32-37 speaks of a time after the rapture of the saints and in the Great Tribulation time. It does not apply particularly to the present.

2. It is an unsafe inference, never clearly stated in the Bible, that the "fig tree" is a symbol of Israel in the language of Jesus

and that the "putting forth her leaves" is a picture of the national restoration of Israel, the organization as an independent state.

3. The term "generation" in verse 34 could not refer to the present generation in the sense of a period of time. Jesus was certainly addressing those present when He said "this generation."

4. It is entirely contrary to the oft-repeated warnings of Jesus to say that Jesus must come for the rapture within thirty or thirty-five years after certain historical events. Concerning His return to reign after the tribulation time there are to be definite signs. When the forty-two months or three and one-half years of the Great Tribulation draw toward the close all will know that the beginning of the kingdom is at hand, that Christ will return personally and visibly to reign. The word will be preached then to all nations, again in the tribulation time. But such signs are not effective now. The plain teaching of the Saviour is, "No man knoweth the day nor the hour" and the spirit of His warning is that no one can foresee or tell even approximately when He is to return to rapture His saints. His coming is to be as sudden and unforeseen as a thief in the night (Matt. 24:43), as the return of a lord to his household unannounced (vss. 45-51). The warning of Jesus that "no man knoweth the day nor the hour" surely means that no one can tell even one hour or one day ahead of time when Jesus will come.

The one great heresy in prophetic teaching is date-setting. Here the Millerites, the Seventh-Day Adventists, the Anglo-Israelites, and many others have sinned. Fundamental, premillennial Christians ought certainly to avoid that pitfall. The emphasis of the Scripture is always simply this: Jesus may come at any moment. Therefore, we are to watch and be ready. Jesus Christ in the flesh did not know when He would return (Mark 13:32). The angels in Heaven did not know. It is presumption, it is false emphasis, it is speculating about things not revealed when any Christian sets out to figure and set periods or dates or approximate periods or dates for the Saviour's return.

Jesus may come today. Praise His name, my heart would rejoice to see Him! I am watching. I am working at the main thing while He tarries. If He comes today I am ready. And He may come today. But I do not know. He may not come for another one hundred years. I do not know and neither does anyone else. As Jesus told the inquiring disciples on this very subject, "It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:7, 8).

A Christian woman yesterday brought me a letter from Ben Hecht who raised money in America for the murder of British soldiers in Palestine who were doing their duty keeping their mandate. Many Christians are being taken in by thinking this legal establishment of an unholy, ungodly, Christ-rejecting government established in Palestine has Christian significance. Some Christians are sending money to these Christ rejectors, many of them atheists, to support their government, the hospitalization of their soldiers, etc. Understand me, I am for the Jews. I love them as a people. I try to win them. But the

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God's Answer Is Revival

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Then, too, there are many who have used this war era to help destroy faith in the Bible and have urged the people to cast off the Christian religion as one of the obsolete things which should no longer fetter the newly emancipated. A strange sort of paganism has grown up that seeks to create a world which ignores spiritual forces and enthrones the human will. This new paganism which is here today has no gods, no Bible, no rules of life except those of the jungle. It holds nothing sacred, believes in no future life, and offers nothing but the vain philosophy of—let's eat, drink and be merry for tomorrow we die.

The Church Seems Paralyzed

Dear people of God, in the face of all this challenging situation, the church of the living God has been strangely silent—and why? Like pathetic Samson arising from his sinful sleep upon the knees of Delilah and ignorant of his loss of power, the church lives and its voice is still heard, but so much of its power is gone. The early Christians were neither wealthy nor numerous. They lacked social prestige; they were oftentimes illiterate—but they had power! They were strong enough to rise above stonings, the prison, and the sword!

Today with all our wealth and culture, we are weak and voiceless against the onslaught of paganism and sin. Our self-indulgence and love of ease will not let us pay the price for spiritual power. We are long on money but short on zeal. We have lost the spirit of sacrifice and have forgotten how to "pray without ceasing."

In this lukewarm, easy-going age, we have lost our convictions or buried them for expediency's sake, and a church lacking in convictions about such sure certainties, for instance; that men without Christ are lost, that the Bible is absolutely true and dependable; that God's judgments and impending doom await the rebellious and disobedient—I say, a church lacking these convictions is a weak testimony, indeed, before the world of today. Men without convictions are not bothered when our Bible is cut up by the destructive critics. Oh, how the church of God needs to have fires, rekindled by the Spirit of God, to melt our souls, to rekindle the convictions which held the early church true to Christ.

Then, too, we as believers need in a new and blessedly real way the fresh enduements of the Holy Spirit. Jesus said to His apostles just before He ascended, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you" (Acts 1:8). It is the Holy Spirit who enables the church to carry out the Great Commission which He gave. We have no power to convict men of sin. The Spirit of God alone can do this. He alone can guide and direct the energies of His church. These are things which we must remember. Too often we have made plans and asked God to carry them out.

My appeal to praying, believing people today—and especially to those in places of spiritual leadership—is: let us stop depending on our own abilities and look to God in this crucial hour for that Heaven-sent awakening which we so sorely need. It is important to get these things straight and

true and in accordance with the Word of God. The church of Jesus Christ today is merely touching the fringe of the need of multitudes who throng our nation; and yet largely the church is serene, complacent, and untroubled by that fact.

How sorely, then, do we need revival in the church. The life of the believer ought to be such as to rebuke the world if the world is to respect the church and listen to its message. For, either the world fears the testimony of the church or you may be sure the church will cringe before the world. A body of professing believers who have lost the power to speak against sin, will have only scorn and contempt from without.

God's Way Out Is Revival

My friends, this is no time for compromise, weakness, and hypocritical living. The day is at hand, and it is high time to awake out of sleep. This is no day for God's servants to "prophesy smooth things." Jeremiah 6:14 tells us that in his day there were prophets who "healed the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace." May God deliver us from such prophets today!

Now, thank God, there is a way out of all the bewilderment which we have described. God's way for His people has always been the way of revival. Divine power is the only kind that can cope with the Devil. Heaven's healings for earth's sorrow are the only ones that soothe and cure. A revival born of God is our only hope for this hour, and such a revival will greatly quicken the spiritual lives of God's people—will halt their conformity to this world—will fill up our prayer meetings—will dispel doubts, unbelief, and skepticism, renew and deepen love for the old Bible truths, produce a new love for the brethren—stop slanderings and gossipings and create a new and passionate love for the unsaved.

Revival never argues with sin. It burns it up. That was true in the first revival led by Samuel. It will be just as true in this atomic-energy age.

God in His Word gives us His way out of our trouble. It is the way of renewed spiritual power which we call REVIVAL! It is an old path, but every generation of backsliders must find it anew. Despite the fact that these words seem trite and commonplace, they are as sure and positive today as when God gave them to Solomon three thousand years ago. The gracious mercy of God pulsates and throbs through every word. Listen to what God said then: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

May I plead with believing readers! Take your Bible and with me turn to II Chronicles 7:14. Ponder these words slowly, prayerfully; determine by God's grace to obey every word commanded—to humble ourselves, pray, seek Him, and quit our sinning. Then, let us believe that God will answer our prayers by sending His holy fires of revival to purge the dross in our lives and to let loose on this old, parched world that season of refreshing we yearn for. Remember, every revival of the past came in the darkest of hours. God is able to do it now.

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Evangelist Millard Box Tells of a

Hamlet Greatly Changed

by Revival

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Evangelist Millard Box of 329 West McKinney, Neosho, Missouri. Brother Box, a godly and Spirit-filled young evangelist, writes: "I have just finished a meeting in Ritchey, Missouri, a hamlet of about two hundred people. There are two grocery stores, a beer joint and a post office. The

church has a membership of about one hundred, nearly all women and children. I preached there for three weeks. We had eighteen saved, twenty baptized and eight backsliders. Nearly all of the ones saved and all of the backsliders but one were men. Drinkers, cursers, church-haters

and the like made up the group. This was an old-time revival with shouting and singing and rejoicing by the saints. One man saved shouted the praises of God, caring not what people might think. The little church was crowded night after night the entire three weeks. The beer joint man said that we had nearly ruined his business, for over half of his customers were saved.

"The power of the Lord came night after night as I preached. I thought more than once of the Sword of the Lord conferences where His Spirit came so mightily. He has been so good to me.

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36 New Converts, 12 Backsliders Reclaimed at Greencastle (Ind.) Bible Center

Pastor Lewis Drengoes writes to tell of a blessed revival held in the Greencastle Bible Center, Greencastle, Indiana, where Evangelist B. M. Page of Indianapolis did the preaching. The pastor writes: "There were forty-two confessions, thirty for salvation and twelve to renew fellowship with the Lord Jesus." The pastor led the singing. Thank God for this good revival.

Evangelist Kenneth Chapman Has Two Fine Revivals in Country Churches

We are glad to have the following report from Evangelist Kenneth A. Chapman of West Plains, Missouri.

"The Lord gave a real revival at the Shiloh Baptist Church near Olatha, Missouri. This is a church in the Ozark Hills. Olatha is just a store. There is no post office there. The church has been closed, but Rev. Everett Bryant, the Baptist associational missionary, had opened it and preached there once a month.

"I felt led to preach plain and sharp against all forms of worldliness, denouncing them as sin. Some became angry but kept coming anyhow. They hadn't been able to have regular services at the church because people just wouldn't come, and for this reason the church had closed. Practically the whole community were professing Christians, however, and I knew something was bad wrong. Because of plain, sharp preaching it soon came out in public confessions that they were regular attendants at the picture show in a town about five miles away, and almost the whole community was actively engaged in having card parties, particularly on Saturday night, many times staying until daylight Sunday. Here was the real reason the church had closed.

"Some fifty people came out in a clear, public stand against the movies, the dance, the card game and other forms of worldliness displeasing to the Lord. They had the joy of salvation restored and revival fires began to burn. Family altars were established and some were rebuilt. Then souls were saved. One outstanding conversion was that of a man who had helped rob a bank, had been sentenced to the penitentiary (Continued on Page 7)

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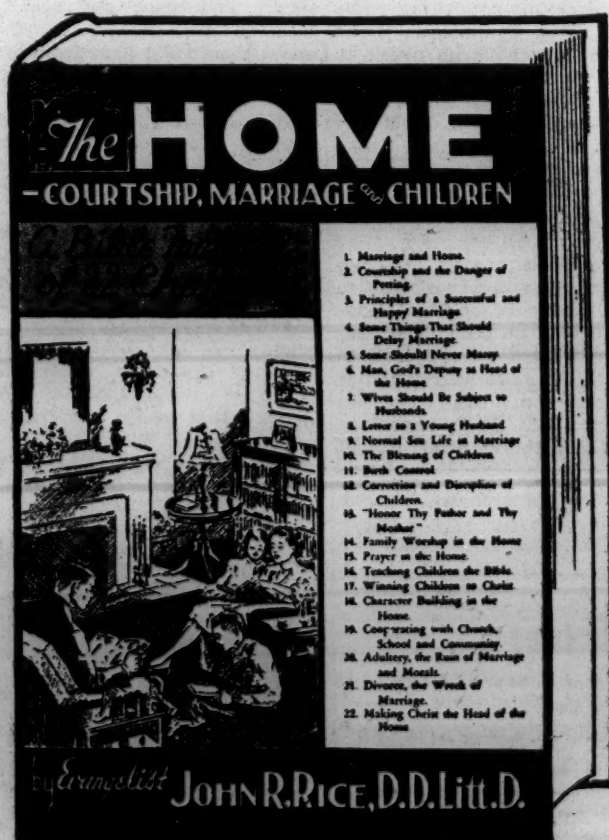
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January 30-February 13 he will be in a revival campaign with Emmanuel Baptist Church, Rev. Tom Malone, pastor, Pontiac, Michigan.

Evangelist Bill Rice, associate editor, is spending most of January and February in The Sword of the Lord office, building up an Extension Department for THE SWORD OF THE LORD. Six or eight men are being put on the field at once as film evangelists, that is, showing sermon films by the editor and associate editor, taking subscriptions and winning souls in one-night stands. Evangelist Bill Rice begins union revival campaign, Marion, Kansas, February 27.

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and had gotten out after eight years of the sentence had been served because of good behavior. What a thrill to hear him stand and testify to the saving power of Christ! Thank God for a God who can save whosoever will call on His name! This man's wife professed conversion twelve years ago but had always doubted, had never been baptized nor joined a church. She was led into full assurance of salvation and both presented themselves for church membership. If no other souls had been saved in the meeting, this one home consecrated to the Lord was worth it all. They have two precious little boys.

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"I began another revival December 13 with the Egypt Grove Union Church, fifteen miles west of West Plains. It, too, is a country church. One soul was saved the first night. Others asked for prayer. I would appreciate the prayers of the office force for this meeting. It will continue through December 26, the Lord willing."

A later report tells of thirty conversions, of backsliders restored, of family altars established in the above mentioned campaign, with eight professions of faith Christmas night. A backslidden preacher confessed his backsliding and defeat and publicly asked the people to forgive him and is going back to preaching the gospel. This is the fourth revival campaign conducted by Brother Chapman in this church.

Pastor Commends Evangelist Larson

Evangelist Joseph T. Larson of 4571 Stuart Street, Denver 12,

Colorado, recently had a good campaign with the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church at Owen, Wisconsin. The pastor, Brother C. S. Matthews, writes:

"Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Larson, of Denver, Colorado, were with us in revival services from October 12th to October 24th. These services were blessed of God. Strong conviction fell on saved and unsaved. There were 13 definite conversions and 6 backsliders reclaimed. Many of the Christians were stirred to a more active ministry in prayer and personal work."

"Rev. Larson preaches the truth with power. He is a good personal worker and singer. He works hard for the salvation of the lost and the reviving of the church. He is quite successful in pressing the lost to a decision at once. He is wise in his altar calls. His many years as an evangelist are of great value to the church of Christ."

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Evangelist Louis Wunneburger Seeing Many Saved

Evangelist Louis Wunneburger is one of five state evangelists of the Baptist Convention of Texas and is being greatly blessed of God with many saved. At Pasadena, Texas, in the First Baptist Church in eight days, December 5-12, there were 161 additions to the church, of which 112 were converts joining for baptism on profession of faith in Christ. Early in January he was in an eight-day revival with the Broadway Baptist Church, Houston, and when he wrote there had been twenty new converts joining the church for baptism, with others rededicating their lives. Our Brother Wunneburger is now in Akron, Ohio, and covets our prayers.

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The New Nation Israel Not Sign of Christ's Return

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nation now established in Palestine has no special blessing of God upon it. It is not the restoration of Israel foretold in the Bible when the angels will regather Jews from all over the world and they will all be converted (see Deut. 30:1-6, Matt. 24:31). The founding of a state of rebellious Jews, the founding by murder and assassination of the Christian Count Bernadotte, and of the British officers who protected Palestine in the name of all the honest governments in the world—that founding of a state is not

done by the special blessing of God. God has not taken away the veil from the eyes of Israel. The government at Jerusalem now is not the legal and prophesied successor of the throne of David. Every man who ever rules in Israel over the Jews will be incidental and unimportant and irrelevant as far as Bible prophecy is concerned until Christ Himself returns to reign on David's throne. Again let me thank you for the opportunity of answering your questions. May God bless your good magazine.

In the Saviour's name, yours,
John R. Rice.

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You Cannot Do Wrong and Get By!

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keeps all the pages of all the tomorrows clean. You can keep the future clean. The past is gone. I cannot help it. All I can do is to ask God to forgive me and be light on me. All I can say is, "God, let me reap as little as possible. Good, kind, loving, merciful Father, I know You forgive me. But, God, please make it just as light on me as possible. I know I have to take my consequences. What men sow they reap; but, God, make mine as easy as possible!"

God says, "I'll blot them out and be good and kind and merciful and loving to you. And I will give you grace to live right from now on."

Listen, you can go out of this building tonight with every sin you ever committed blotted out. They will never be brought up against you, never be thrown up to you. You will not have to meet them in eternity. And from tonight on you can have victory."

If you have been a defeated Christian you do not have to go on that way. If you are a sinner you can go out of here tonight with all your sins blotted out. You can go out from here and write a clean record on the pages of all tomorrows. Isn't Jesus wonderful! He was wounded for my transgressions, he was bruised for my iniquities; the chastisement of my peace was upon him; and with his stripes I am healed. "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him" (II Cor. 5:21). "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed" (I Peter 2:24).

I never shall forget a boy friend of mine. He got right with God not long before he died. He had so many temptations, fought so many battles, had so many natural weaknesses. While he was dying his good old mother said, "Son, you will soon be in Heaven."

He said, "Won't it be wonderful, Mother? I know my sins have been terrible, but they are all blotted out. I know I am saved."

She said, "Yes, and you will be out of your suffering, too, Son."

"Oh," he said, "Mother, I am not thinking of physical pain. Mother, I was thinking of all the temptations I've had and how hard I've fought and how God has sustained me. There have been battles that nobody but God and I knew about. It will be so sweet to be in Heaven where I will not have to fight so hard. The victory is won. Isn't it wonderful?"

This may be the crisis hour for somebody whom God sent here tonight. A woman said to me here the other night, "When you held the meeting here at the Arena in Chicago two years ago I was a Catholic, but I found the Lord."

I said, "What are you doing now?"

She said, "I'm trusting Jesus now."

This may be your night. We were all sinners. You know God looks down on us tonight—we see sins but God sees sin. Sins are the branches on the tree of sin. Here is one branch that looks so ugly and bad, and here is another branch, a nice-looking branch. The first branch is lust and the other one is pride, but in the sight of God they are the same. The trouble with you is sin. Your sin may not be the same as some-

body else's sin, but "the wages of sin is death."

You can be saved. You know, I would like to meet you in Heaven one of these days. I would! And you can be there. There is not anything you have ever done that John Rice and I could not have done. How good God was to save us!

I want you to be saved!

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Some unconverted, lost sinner

has read the above sermon by Dr. Bob Jones. Now the editor has a kindly word to say. In Christ's name, heed it and find a refuge from sin. You can't do wrong and get away with it. Only by coming to Christ for cleansing and forgiveness may you avoid the ruin that sin brings in this life, the awful exposure of the judgment and the torment of Hell. If you want to be saved, in Jesus' name heed this message today. Repent of your sins. That means honestly to face your sins and hate them and turn from them in your heart. Then turn to Jesus now. This moment trust Him, depend upon Him and risk Him to save you. He will do it for the Scripture

says, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."

If you will make this eternal decision right now, then sign the following statement, copy it in a letter and mail it to me today. I will send you a letter of counsel and encouragement and rejoice with you. Decide and sign and write today!

Evangelist John R. Rice, Editor

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Dear Brother Rice:

I have read Dr. Bob Jones' sermon, "You Can't Do Wrong and Get Away With It." I realize I am a poor, unconverted, lost sin-

ner, that I need forgiveness and salvation. Here and now I turn my heart away from my sins. The Bible says that God loves me, that Christ died for me. So this moment I trust Christ to save me, depend upon Him to forgive all my sins and give me everlasting life. Here and now I give my heart to Him forever and take Him as my own personal Saviour. By His grace I will claim Him openly as my Saviour and try to live for Him the rest of my life.

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